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A criticism of one's sermon with the view of instructing its author is never in good taste and seldom acceptable. But if it be in the form of an inquiry to obtain further instruction it is commendable and complimentary.

Texas has at last waked up to the enormity of the two crimes of gambling and the liquor traffic. They have recently passed laws that make each of those unmitigated evils a felony. Now for their impartial enforcement.

An aged man of 78, committed suicide in a not far off city the other day and the only supposable cause was the ill treatment of his children with whom he was compelled to make his home. Could anything be more unnatural and wicked?

Joseph's faithfulness was a trophy of his faith. He believed God and therefore he won in every conflict where patience and wisdom and energy and purity were involved. "Because God was with him," and who or what can withstand the Almighty?

We hope such stuff as this will have the desired effect, and that is to relegate the man that suggests it, approves it, or in any way encourages it, to eternal political oblivion. It is treason of the deepest die to our noble peoples' government. Away with it.

Not a few people complain of "long sermons" not for what the sermon has in it, or does not have, nor for the time it requires for its delivery, but really because they want the time for something else and therefore reach the heights of sublimest selfishness.

The "money order mail trade" seems to be doing a "land office" business out of the present "high prices" and "non increase of wages" and salaries. Honest people of limited means who are the victims of the above abnormal conditions of our fine prosperity are trying to make "every edge cut" to "make both ends meet."

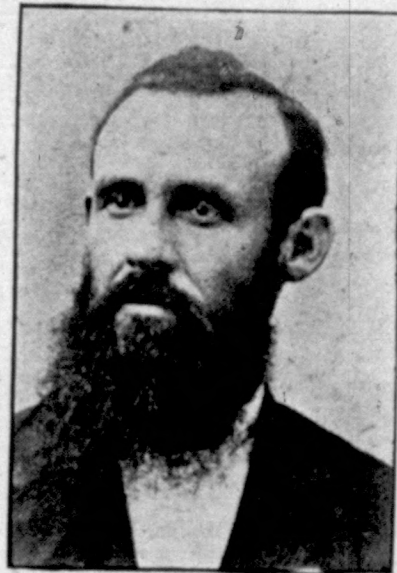
A fine of "\$100.00 or ten days in jail, for a millionaire," begins to look a little like money was not quite all in this country. That seems to have been the fate of W. E. Dodge of New York, a fast young man of more money than sense for violating the speed law in his automobile.

Joseph's faith was simply sublime. Perhaps none ever surpassed it and possibly never will. Based upon it all of the other graces of religion were not only possible but well nigh inevitable and perennial. Then let us "have faith in God," foremost and highest, for all things are possible to him that believeth."

The President's discharge of his tremendous burden of resentment toward his opponents must have rebounded with unlooked for force. Why else should he be now making such strenuous efforts to re-

cover his lost prestige with the negroes? He must consider his goose very nearly cooked and the turning spit in the hand of the pertinacious Foraker. But there is such a thing as overdoing the "stunt," sometimes and the President may furnish an illustrious example.

At the latest Winona Bible Conference we are told, three thousand ministers and as many other workers and visitors spent ten days or more studying the word of God with reference to Christian work, with very fine effect. Suppose the same or a like number of honest, earnest Christians would spend as much time in like study and spirit of that one above all others, truthful Book with reference to Christian union, what we wonder would be the result? It is claimed that a great revival has grown out of that conference and if so why not a greater one of Christian union on the Bible faith and practice?



REV. H. J. VANLANDINGHAM.
Born April 16, 1838. Died April 7, 1907. A ripe sheaf garnered.

The Scotch lawyer who has recently written about the "Thaw trial" in New York has the American manner and method of adjudication down to a pretty fine and suggestive point. He says "it was really Jerome's and Delmas' acts that were on trial, with Thaw's future as a kind of by-product of the experiment." And so it has seemed to us. A battle between those two legal giants and very little a case to be decided by "the law and evidence." So far Jerome is just one juryman ahead.

When phonetic spelling has been adopted by the nation and made the rule in all of our spelling books and schools then the representative of the "small boy" should bring suit in all the courts for infringement. Had it not been for the ready cuteness and ingenuity of that previous personality that method of forming words would never have been known. Many a lashing has he got for being so far ahead of the books and he ought to be paid well for his invention.

What's the use to say some things are "old fashioned" or "out of date," when anything in the dress styles, of the age of 1830 will be recognized today as "au fait?" Why that date was two years before "the any people now living remember to have seen. But true religion is the world and stars fell," an even which very few if change of fashion. "If any one be in Christ Jesus he has a new nature, old things are passed away and behold all things are become new," for Christ's righteousness never changes or grows old.

The recent development of the legal right of a State or the United States to protect the flag of the nation from desecration and contempt by prohibiting the use of it by saloon and other liquor traffickers as an advertising attraction is a profound gratification to all patriotic citizens. Now if some way could be discovered to prevent the use of Bible emblems for that same mean purpose it would be well. Then if there could be a law to prevent ships engaged in carrying rum and whiskey to foreign ports, from using or having the protection of the flag it would be hopeful.

Mr. Carnegie has his many millions because of the discriminations of the tariff. From three to five dollars per ton on steel more than he would have had without the national protection and the people are "out of pocket" to the extent of his extra profits which they would not have been compelled to pay without the tariff. Rockefeller's wealth has come to him in no other less honorable and just way. Yet with certain publicists and moralists Carnegie is a great saint and Rockefeller is a great sinner. Somebody's moral binoculars must be mighty crooked.

"The form or pattern of sound words" which Paul enjoined Timothy to "hold fast," has in it very much of conservative excellence. Indeed every Bible truth or act of service should be set forth in a "form of sound words"—clear meaning words and as clearly put together, so that the meaning need not be mistaken or misunderstood. On that account we would always insist upon a clear and sensible profession of faith in Christ before the church rather than any other declaration in lieu thereof. How else can one be "baptized on a profession of faith?"

So-called or rather "one horse" scientists are trying desperately hard to do away with some of the sterling old truths of the Bible and human nature. For instance, they have invented such phrases as "dementia Americana" and "dementia plutocratic" and then a plain English one known as "brain storm," to cover up and hide away some very uncanny unallowable traits and habits. But plainer and more candid people have no difficulty in seeing quite through the whole thing and applying the right and proper name just plain old "total depravity," and satanic possession.

The Envelope System of Collection.

I desire to say, in the beginning, my friends, that the envelope system is not ideal. No system is, or ever will be, until we have ideal conditions. When all Christians are brought to the Master's conception of stewardship, our churches will no longer be stressed or "distressed" for money.

But taking conditions as they are—imperfect churches, and undeveloped members in the grace of giving—the question arises as to whether the advantages of the envelope system of collection are such as to make it the one most desirable for our peculiar conditions and churches. This question I shall leave you to decide for yourselves. I shall confine myself to the advantages of the system and the methods of introducing it into our churches.

This system is intended to make all offerings free-will offerings. And this is no slight virtue. The ideal offering is a free-will offering. No man ought to give solely because he is solicited, or expected, to give; but, inspired by a sense of duty and privilege, he ought to open his purse in correspondence to his already opened heart. Strike a man's heart and his purse will fly open, but strike his purse without first striking his heart, and instead of opening his purse you close his heart. God would have cheerful gifts. Get a man to give himself to the cause you advocate and he will give of his means to that cause, otherwise, if he gives at all, he gives to you and not to the cause. Pastors are not money extractors, but God's receivers. We must, therefore, reach the purse through the heart. Every Christian ought to know that God is not impoverished by his withholdings, nor enriched by his gifts, but that the privilege of giving is a grace from God. The man that gives and then regrets his gift only releases. He does not give. His heart still clings to the money and claims it as his own. The envelope system in perfect working eliminates this and makes all gifts free-will.

The envelope system gives us a plan—a systematic plan. We must have some plan. For the lack of system in giving many of our preachers go unpaid, and have to sacrifice time in making a living that ought to be devoted to study and pastoral work. It is not that the majority of church members cannot and will not give. It is sadly true that many are giving less than they ought. But, in my opinion, the lack of proper plans, properly pursued, furnishes one of the chief causes of our dereliction in the grace of giving. There must be, of course, something before the plan. There must be the conscious sense of obligation to give. This the majority of our people have to some extent. The most of our people have had sufficient training to come to the point where they would give something, though that something would be far short of their obligation and privilege, if in every instance we had some good plan, back of which is a live man or set of men to make it work. I would not counsel, of course, a letting up on the emphasis that is being laid on our obligation and privilege to give, but I do insist on having a good systematic plan. Not a plan that is inflexible and cannot be adapted to conditions and to the men and women with whom we have to deal. Circumstances alter conditions, and conditions ought to alter plans.

This, my friends, is no inferior advantage. To succeed at anything we must have system. Slipshod methods are not permissible, and complexity confuses rather than accomplishes. If we have the envelope system, we want to use it by adapting it to the conditions and circumstances peculiar to our people.

Through the envelope system everybody can be reached. Great trouble is found in getting something from every one, or in giving every one an opportunity to give. For example, the day you take your Foreign Mission offering a number of your members are absent. You take your offering. You secure a subscription or donation from almost every one present. But you are not satisfied, and you ought not to be. There were several of your more prominent and liberal members absent. Time and opportunity are soon afforded you to see them personally and secure from them their accustomed offering. But there were also several of the less prominent and liberal of your membership absent on that day. You reason that your time is valuable and that their offerings would necessarily be small, if amounting to anything at all. These considerations arise before the average pastor and as a consequence many of his membership are left without even an opportunity—an opportunity which they themselves will never seek—to contribute to this great cause. The same is true with reference to the pastor's salary and other causes for which money is desired. The raising of the pastor's salary is placed in the hands of a committee, and oftentimes from the lack of time and sometimes from the lack of interest on the part of the committee many of the less prominent and less liberal of the members are never reached. The envelope system seeks to eliminate these conditions.

This system gives much relief to the pastor. The most serious handicap to the usefulness and influence of the Baptist preachers of our country has been the irregularity of their salaries. Baptist preachers are human and, like other human beings, must have the ordinary means of existence. This is not a day when ravens spare from their small gatherings to fill the hungry mouths of preachers' children. Under such conditions many a pastor has to live on a credit which always compromises his usefulness and sacrifices his influence. Especially is this true in our country districts where farm products constitute the only source of income. Oftentimes in such communities the pastor must wait till the end of the year to get his money and then when crops are short or prices low, fail to receive all that is promised him. In this way the pastor is left in debt, and men who owe the pastor themselves lower their regard for him as soon as they hear that he is in debt. Suffice it to say that the envelope system, if carried out ideally, would relieve this embarrassing situation.

It would relieve the pastor of much unnecessary work. I do not mean that any pastor is, or would be, driven to the necessity of getting out and looking after the collection of his own salary. The Baptist ministry of our State is too proud to stoop to such a thing. But I mean to say that this will relieve the pastor of much work in gathering the peoples' offerings for missions and other benevolences. The pastor never has too much time. If he undertakes to make a personal visit for each offering, he finds himself embarrassed by the necessity of asking for money every time he

visits his people. If he puts all the offerings of his church together and undertakes to take them all at once, he must be satisfied with less than he would otherwise get. People do not give as much in a bulk as if the offerings were at intervals. If he turns these offerings entirely over into the hands of a committee, he will find them oftentimes neglected and his offerings small in proportion to the wealth and resources of his membership.

It furnishes a relief to the clerk and treasurer. It is business-like. An exact record can be kept of all that is given. The record of the financial part of our churches is always more or less imperfect. By this system the pastor, or any one else, can know at any time just what each member is giving for all causes. And this is no slight advantage. Every pastor, especially, ought to know what his people are doing, not as a whole, but as individuals. Knowing this he can better encourage those approximating their privileges in the grace of giving and lead out into larger giving those who come far short of their duty and privilege. Besides, it saves the clerk and treasurer great trouble in a clerical way. All money comes in at certain stated times and can easily be tabulated. In this way accurate books can be kept. I have known churches that never knew what they were doing, and at the close of the Associational year their report sheets were nothing more than a summary of guesses. The Lord's work ought to be done in order.

It has an advantage from the standpoint of worship. That giving is an act of worship ought to be the conviction of every Christian. Instill this into the hearts of coming generations, and you will do away with the begging system that is so prevalent. The average Catholic or Episcopalian seldom goes to church without giving something. If he does, he instantly feels that he has neglected some duty. Why? Simply because he is taught from infancy that the act of giving is an act of worship. Now one aim of the envelope system is to instill this idea—the idea that giving is worship.

In many of our town churches our people unhesitatingly contribute weekly to incidentals, and think nothing of it. But as for missions, the Orphans' Home and other causes, they never think of them until their specified time comes. Now this is not ideal. The ideal way is to keep these causes on our hearts and to give to them frequently and regularly in the spirit of worship. The envelope system affords a means for doing this.

These, to my mind, are the chief advantages of the system. I turn now to say a word as to the method of introducing it into your churches.

This system will scarcely work from the beginning. It will take time for it to work itself into the customs and habits of the people. Some will advocate it and use it; some will advocate it and neglect to use it; and others will oppose it and refuse to use it. Which one of these classes predominates must determine the advisability of undertaking its introduction at all.

To introduce this system successfully you must train your people to give from a sense of obligation and privilege. Until this is done, no system will work other than personal solicitation and extraction. Time was when our pastors were afraid to talk money or preach the privilege of giving. But that time has passed. Most churches will hear you as patiently today on the obligation of

giving as they will on any obligation, for they are coming to realize that there is no divorce tolerated between a man and his means. If a man is a Christian, his money must be Christian. You can't be Christ's man and the Devil's banker. I do not mean to imply that it is necessary or even wise to talk about your salary in the pulpit. It is perhaps never wise or safe for a pastor to mention his income in the pulpit. But as of us can emphasize missions and other benevolences to an extent never possible before. Emphasize the importance of laying aside each week what we are able to give to the Lord. To withhold our gifts to the end of the year is robbing God of what really belongs to Him. Money is always worth interest. And further, I believe it is of universal application to say, that the man that gives regularly with small intervals between his gifts gives more than the man that makes all his donations at the end of the year. The obligation of regularity in giving lying heavily upon the hearts and consciences of the people is the first step towards the introduction of the envelope system.

Secure pledges, at the beginning of the year, to each of the causes to be presented to your church. Let the pledge card be returned to the clerk of the church that he may keep an account with each member pending, and a duplicate be retained by the member to keep him in mind of his promise. Another way is to divide your membership geographically and send collectors to every member's house to receive the offerings of its inmates. Use the mail frequently to remind the members of the coming offering. In an envelope addressed to each person or family enclose a smaller envelope and any leaflet or other literature illustrating the object for which the offering is taken. The pastor should enclose a note making further explanation and requesting that the gift be enclosed in the small envelope, sealed, and brought or sent to the church the next Sunday. This method renders it tolerably sure that every one will have an opportunity of making an offering.

But no plan will run itself. It is the man behind the gun that wins the battle. The success of the envelope system depends upon the man's interest who has it in hand. This plan to work must be worked. There must be a man behind it.

But after all is said every church must determine for itself what method it will employ. Much depends on the best method, and the best method is not likely to be the easiest method. Every pastor ought to be willing to take the pains and trouble to give every member an opportunity to give, and he ought to realize that it rests with him to secure the method in which this can best be done.

R. L. Sproles.

A court in Texas has decided that a Christian Scientist cannot collect damages for "mental and physical suffering" in case of accident, because they deny that they feel it. We recall that at the time of the Christian Science Convention in Boston last summer a large automobile loaded with between twenty and thirty visitors to the Convention, broke from control on Corey Hill, Brookline, and rushed down the hill and over an embankment. To an ordinary observer several of the occupants suffered severe injuries and some had broken limbs, but not a cry or a groan escaped any, and while still mixed with the ruins the com-

pany began singing a hymn. The question before the court was, Can anyone collect damages for suffering he claims not to have felt?—Watchman.

Pastor H. A. Porter of the White Temple, Oklahoma City, has recently had another expression of the confidence and esteem of his people in the increase of his salary \$1,000. They know how to treat a splendid pastor and magnificent preacher.

Preachers' Institute.

I've just attended a big institute,
Held at Batesville, a town of repute;
Where the people are nice, kind and polite,
And know how to treat the preachers all right.

We've only been here a couple of days,
To talk and pray and sing God's praise;
Yet the love and peace which I have felt
A heart of stone would almost melt.

We met, the Bible to study and read,
And find for the churches their greatest need;
And to help each other along the line
Acknowledged by all to be divine.

The pastors in number I think were ten,
A noble, consecrated, set of men,
Filled with love and spiritual fire,
And anxious, all, to climb up higher.

Now listen while I tell the name
Of Como's pastor—Brother Swaim,
Thin in visage, with sober mien,
Pious, earnest, calm and serene.

Then the Memphis Brother B. F. Whitten:
Wise, judicious, none more "fitten"
To take the lead and blaze the way
That leads from night to endless day.

To speak of another, I feel quite free,
For he's my neighbor, J. W. Lee:
Prudent, discreet and sober as a judge,
And from the truth he'll never budge.

Then his brother—they call him Walter,
Who, for the right, will never falter;
He's low of statue, modest, fair,
And on his head there's little hair.
But in that head, O man! there's sense,
And in his heart, there's no pretense.

Then Water Valley's bishop—Brother Derrick,
His dress and manner speaks him cleric;
Big moustache, with brilliant eye,
And what he thinks, he'll tell you why.

Then Sardis sends to serve the Lord,
Her worthy pastor, J. B. McCord:
He's young in years but rich in faith,
And seems to know what the Good Book saith.

Then there's another venerable in age,
Honest and brave and wise as a sage;
He believes in sticking close to the word,
Whate'er be said by the common herd.
Do I hear you ask this brother's name?
B. R. Hughey of State-wide fame.

Another "landmarker," you know him well,
The brother from Big Springs—Johnson,
H. L.,
When he opens his mouth, he speaks the truth,
God grant to him perennial youth.

Then our editor, T. J. Bailey,

He always looks and acts quite gaily:
He has plenty of brains, as well as tongue,
And in spite of years, looks quite young.

But the jolliest man, if I'm not mistaken,
Is Grenada's pastor, W. P. Bacon;
He's eloquent, chaste, wise and profound,
And on the "union question" proves to be sound.

Then Seobey's pastor, we hope he'll come again,

He's six feet two, but rather small grain:
Yet he's loved by all e'en in Japan and China,

For when he doesn't preach, he'll plow old Dinah.
What is his name? I'll let you guess it,
"Cause you'll love him better when you cook and dress it.

Then our dear moderator, Deacon D. C. Perkins,

Cool as a cucumber and prolific as gherkins:

Rather hard of hearing, but eyes like a hawk,

And he made us preachers just "walk a chalk."

God bless you brethren, may your path grow brighter,

And each step in the way may your load get lighter;

And when the end comes, (as come it will),
May we all come together on top of the hill, (Ps. 121)

Where, the King in his beauty (Isa. 33-17)
we can see at our pleasure

And all regain our long-lost Treasure,
"Guess Who."

For the Nut Cracking Corner.

A Bro., who has been reading the life of King Saul, is puzzled because it is written "The Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord came upon him," etc. See I. Samuel 16:14; 18:10; 19:9. He asks the questions "Am I to understand that both the good and evil in Saul's life had the same origin? and that both came directly from God?"

I would answer both questions by saying emphatically no! All of the good impulses in Saul's life, and all of his efforts to do good, were prompted by the inworking of God's Spirit, which was working in him, as in men today, to induce him to give himself to God and honor Him. All of the evil in his life originated in his own evil nature, just as in ours today, and was fired, and stirred, and guided, by the evil spirit to whose influence he yielded himself, instead of yielding to God.

If you will read I. Samuel 15:26 you will see that before the Lord withdrew His Spirit and sent the evil Spirit, Saul had rejected the word of the Lord and been rejected of God. He had crossed the dead line and sealed his own doom, therefore God turned him over to the evil spirit.

The Scriptures clearly teach, as in the case of Job, that the evil spirits are subject to God, and can only go as far as He permits them. They also teach that when men will not yield to God and do right God turns them over to their own evil desires, and even sends upon them the evil spirit of delusion "that they may believe a lie and be damned, who believe not the truth but have pleasure in unrighteousness." II.

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Dr. H. F. Sproules will preach the commencement sermon at Lumberton on May 12th.

The Maryland Baptist has been sold to The Baptist Commonwealth, of Philadelphia. Elmer Ehret is chief editor and J. Milnor Wilbur assistant.

Pastor R. L. Sproules preached for the First church, Hattiesburg, on last Sunday at 11 a. m., and at South Mississippi College in the afternoon.

As a result of the great meeting in Lexington conducted by Dr. Potts, 102 have united with the different churches, and about 200 have renewed their church vows. We understand that there are few homes untouched by the meeting, and God's people have been greatly built up. About 20 united with the Baptists.

The First Baptist church, Oxford, held an Anniversary Celebration of the Sunday School on the first Sunday in May. The celebration was intended to commemorate primarily the great blessings of the church and Sunday School received during the Cates meeting, a year ago. We understand that they had a fine program, and that it was executed in the best of style.

The Sunday School Institute being held in Jackson this week is a rare treat to Sunday School workers. The five Field Secretaries of the Sunday School Board are here for the week beginning last Sunday. They are Revs. B. W. Spilman, R. M. Inlow, W. E. Brittain, H. Beauchamp and Mr. L. P. Leavell, the latter our own. These brethren

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have the matter in hand and on the heart, as very few do. They are scholarly, spiritual and thoroughly alert. Their chain of appointments are Memphis, Jackson, Montgomery, Atlanta, Greenwood, S. C., Raleigh, giving 5 days to each place. Sunday School work, as it should be, is well to the front.

The Superintendents' and Teachers' Sunday School Association will meet at Lowrey Creek Baptist church, Jones county, on June 29 and 30, 1907. A good program has been arranged, and those who attend may be assured of a rich treat. It is very gratifying to observe the general effort being made for improvement in Sunday School work.

Dr. T. J. Shipman preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist church, Meridian, on last Lord's day. From all accounts, he fully met the expectations of the First church people. He succeeds one of our strongest men, and we are sure the work so ably carried on for many years will in no way suffer at his hands, but will be pushed even to higher planes. We welcome you, Dr. Shipman.

Rev. John S. Cheavens, president of our Theological Institute at Torreon, has just closed one of his best year's work, and goes with his family to Missouri to take some much needed rest. He will attend the Richmond Convention, and to those interested he will gladly give information about the work and workers in Mexico. Cheavens is one of our best missionaries.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Richmond May 16-21; The Baptist Anniversaries meet in Washington, May 13-21; and the Convention of Baptists of North America meets at the Jamestown Exposition May 22-23. Surely he who attends all of these will be too full for utterance. This is a great age of great conventions. When the next number of The Baptist Record appears, many of our brethren will be in the great gathering at Richmond.

The Convention.

Those who expect to go to the Convention via Meridian from Jackson, on the evening of May 14th, at about 10 o'clock, and wish berths, can have everything arranged for them by writing W. D. Ratliff, Jackson, Miss., and enclosing a 2-cent stamp for every answer you wish. And, if you wish arrangements made over the I. C. road, write same party what you want, and he will do his best for you. Round trip car fare from Jackson, \$25.75.

We regret that Dr. Gray's telegram did not reach us in time for insertion in our last issue. It reached us Thursday 9 a. m. We are much gratified that the outcome is so good. The Home Board closed the year with some debt, but a great year's work accomplished. The Foreign Mission Board landed clear of debt, having also accomplished a great year's work. Mississippi gave for Home Missions \$13,490.00, and for Foreign Missions \$25,700.00, aggregating the fine figure of \$39,190.00. This is indeed a very satisfactory advance over any former year.

Writing to The Examiner on "What Baptists Owe to the Denominational Press," Rev. Dr. Weston, President of Crozer Theological Seminary, says:

"I wish there could be some way in which expression could be given to the debt the Baptists owe to the denominational press. I have been associated with men whose character and work have been most blessed, and God has honored their work. But my settled judgment is that the States in which I have been pastor have owed more to the editors of their denominational paper than to any other class of the same number of men. I wish it were proper to speak by name of some of those departed ones, and tell the debt which their State Conventions and General Associations owe them. Others have exerted and still exert, a wider sway; over other States 'one blast from their bugle horn' is 'worth a thousand men.'"

Griffith Memorial.

The beautiful new meeting house of the Griffith Memorial church, Jackson, G. W. Riley pastor, was completed. Keys turned over to the building on April 19th. It is one of the church houses in the State of its kind, present building costing only about \$3,000, about \$600 or \$1,000 being saved in buying materials, etc.

Later another building of the same size will be added, giving a seating capacity of 500 or 600. On April 28th, an organization as a mission church under the auspices of the First church effected with rollment of members. The services will occur soon. The Gov. A. H. Longino supt., on roll, and the prayer meeting to 75 in attendance. The church in the most rapidly growing city, there being at least 100 in that section of the city, come, it is confidently hoped, supporting church. This year serves and solicits the sympathy and help of the brotherhood.

Unparalleled Pageantry at

Soldiers and sailors, the ships and the sea, martial music and the roar of ship's broadsides. Palaces of pleasure, things of pure delight; sylvan merry mazes of festivity. Shimmering dome of a Virginian sky above the picture of the Jamestown Exposition.

To offer one of the most unique military spectacles and one of the greatest naval spectacles of all time is the distinctive and splendid privilege of the Jamestown Exposition. The latter made manifest in the immense gathering of the formidable war ships of all nations that are dropping their anchors before the sea gates of this transcendent celebration. Judging from the immense interest displayed in the imitation battleship at the Chicago World's Fair, this vast assemblage of the fleets of the nations will be the crowning attraction for the millions of visitors, especially those from the interior. The great fleet is now assembling, and the magnificent array of American battleships now lined on Hampton Roads is by far the greatest yet gathered beneath the American flag.

Of the foreign fleets that of Great Britain is the most imposing, and when the great ship "Dreadnaught" arrives, this the world's greatest fighting craft will make an exposition by itself.

No other American harbor, and very few in the world could afford anchorage to the stupendous aggregation that is now in

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Hampton Roads and that will shortly be augmented.

Unequaled in the history of American naval displays, it will yield precedence only to the great gathering of British and foreign war ships assembled off the Isle of Wight at the time of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. No other Exposition in our history ever had such an asset.

Why Is This?

The following paragraphs from The Evening News, Jackson, are suggestive:

"My Dear Sir—I have read your glowing tribute to Mississippi leadership in yesterday's News with much interest and pleasure. You might have added that when men from these States went into revolution to separate government Mississippi furnished the leader in Mr. Davis; that when the State was trying to get restored to the Union Mr. Lamar led as did no other man; and even we were in the 'slough of despond' from the reconstruction acts, General Lee opened up a way out and performed a real service for the whole South.

But while, like you, I am proud of Mississippi leadership in most things, I am free to say that the man who gets up the statistics of 'murder, homicide and lynchings' is me mad, for he invariably puts Mississippi in the lead. Now, why is this? The membership of the State has led in so many things to ever be the case. I again ask, why do the offerings of the people who believe in the 'smart lawyer can wear out the offering of the simple man' by taking them from envelope and leaf to the country. A child of offering is tall of long delayed punishment. A note of old woman yelled to the and requesting carrying off her turkey that the small env. to pay for that turkey on sent to the State answered back that he was method render another on the same terms. one will be deter are quick and certain."

Our is written by one of our wise and noble brethren, whose words because of being in the position among us are entitled to success of citation by his juniors. As was the man's in an editorial which appeared in plea to work a fortnight ago, we repeat, let a man be above, that much of the responsibility for our leadership in "murder, homicide and lynchings," is chargeable to these things—unfaithful judges, selfish and unpatriotic lawyers and ignorant and unscrupulous juries. A lawyer friend of ours and an ex-judge, has suggested that to these three things should be added a fourth, viz: the untruthfulness of witnesses. These things being true, the call is loud and strong for a higher type of manhood with which to fill these responsible positions. The call is to the home, the school and the church. Let no mother or father rest contented until the virtues of honesty and truthfulness shall have been fixed in the mind and heart of the child. Let the teacher hold up before the pupil from early morn till the day's work is done, both by precept and example, the lofty ideals of stalwart integrity. Let the preacher, even more than ever, magnify the ideal virtues of real patriotism and Christian citizenship. And let all of us besiege a throne of grace for divine wisdom and guidance in these unsettled times.

THE BAPTIST RECORD.

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Signs of Promise.

It was not the first time that the news of "victory" went to anxious hearts throughout the Southland. However much of hope and cheer it inspired in the 60's, it rang out for thanksgiving to the Baptist people who had prayed and watched and given to this end with equal fervor for the cause of him who loved us and gave himself for us. It was no small matter when we consider the unequal start of a year ago, and when we remember the serious obstacles that attended every effort to accomplish the results. Mississippi has scored her highest figures in both the causes for which we are especially grateful. Here are the figures:

Foreign Missions \$25,700 00
Home Missions 13,490 00

Total \$39,190 00
Ten years ago we gave to them both \$11,719.58. Twenty years ago we gave to both of them \$5,695.66.

In these figures there are signs of promise that should awaken the liveliest gratitude on the part of the lover of Missions. You will see that in the first ten years we little more than doubled our contributions, while in the second ten years we multiplied by three. The men and women who made these multiples are many of them with us still, while many more have gone up to hear the Master say "well done," but what shall be the multiple that we shall make who now have the work in our hands on our hearts is a matter for serious reflection to every Mississippi Baptist whether he be to the manor born, or whether in the providence of God his lot is here for the glory of the Christ whose we are and whom we serve.

A. V. Rowe.

Trip to Richmond and Return.

Rate one fare plus 25 cents for round trip. Tickets good for 15 days, but on payment of \$1 tickets may be extended till June 19th.

Rate from Greenville \$26.75
Greenwood 25.25
Winona 24.40
Eupora 23.56
Matthiston 23.30
West Point 22.40

A through car will leave Winona Tuesday night at 8:30 p. m. and arrive at Richmond 6:55 a. m. Thursday, May 16.

Wire or phone Martin Ball, Winona, not later than Saturday May 11, if you desire space in this through car. This car goes through to Richmond without change.

Pullman rate \$6.00 from Winona to Richmond—double berths—two may occupy a berth and thus divide expenses.

Tickets may be purchased from Richmond to Norfolk and return for \$2.50. So that any may attend the Exposition at little cost. Be sure to wire me by Saturday.

Martin Ball.

Dr. J. M. Oxner.

I have just read the sad announcement of Dr. J. M. Oxner's death in Pingtu, China. I learned to know and love him in my senior year at the medical college. He had graduated some ten years before and been in active practice out in Texas, but returned to refresh himself in the clinics before going to China. He was doing a marvelous work in China where he had treated

perhaps twenty or twenty-five thousand in the few years he had been out. Just think for a moment of the tremendous opportunity and privilege of healing the bodies of and preaching the Gospel to that many human souls in three or four short years! And how piteously he did plead for a hospital; he only asked for \$2500, and yet so far as I know very few ever tried to help him. Why, I couldn't even buy the ground to build a hospital on here for that little amount. Well, the good man has gone, and somebody has lost an opportunity to cheer his heart and to offer a bed to some poor sufferer while he healed his body. Dear readers, does this not seem like a call of God to arise in your might and build the Oxner Memorial Hospital in Pingtu, China? Dr. Oxner was a native Mississippian and in a certain sense his work, now laid down, should appeal to us. His work at this great crisis in China's history must be taken up by some one else and carried on to completion. The Lord said unto the beloved John, "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, * * * that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." I shall be glad if I am permitted to accomplish as much in ten years as he did in three or four. May the Lord raise up some one to carry on his work, and may the people put within his hands the needed means to best accomplish it.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. Hooker.

Guadalajara, Mexico.

From the Seminary.

H. C. Joyner.

Dear Record—Today our hearts have been made glad. It was our Missionary Day also our "State meeting" day. I told you how some time ago a meeting was had of the Mississippi brethren in which after a season of prayer and communion together we took a subscription for missions which resulted in one hundred and fifty-six dollars. A few days ago the spirit seemed to break out spontaneously and the result was the reaching of the \$200 mark. Earnestly have we prayed and worked for the lifting of the debt from the boards and a telegram from Dr. Willingham announces the lifting of the debt from the Foreign Board gave occasion for great rejoicing. We are hopeful of such a report from our Home Board also.

The addresses this morning were exceptionally fine. One from Dr. Hamlet, pastor of Fourth Ave. Baptist church, this city, subject: "The right of Christianity in foreign countries," very instructive and much appreciated. One by Dr. Eaton, subject, "The Relation of the Denominational Paper to Missions." This was entirely new and unique and masterfully discussed as is the custom of Dr. Eaton to do.

The contributions of the entire body of the Seminary, Faculty and student-body amounted to 1,500.63.

Our State meeting this morning was a warm soul-inspiring meeting. It is a great privilege to be here. My greatest regret is that I did not come here ten years ago. I trust that every preacher in Mississippi who has not been here will make his arrangements to come as soon as possible.

Louisville, Ky., May 1, 1907.

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Thes. 1:12. See also Rom. 1:24-32, and run references.

You will find an instance of the same kind in I. Kings 22:20-23, where the King spirit came before God and asked permission to go and deceive Ahab. If you will turn to I. Kings 21:25 you will find that this was after it is recorded that Ahab had told himself to work wickedness.

The whole Scriptures teach that God will only hear so much from God-defying men. The evil is permitted to tempt all men, while God at the same time influences them by His "Good Spirit." In that way there is seen before them, as accountable beings, "life and good, death and evil," and they are commanded to make their choice, and if one, as Saul did, yields to his evil nature and the evil, tempting spirit, instead of to the spirit of God, and rejects God and His word, in a God-defying spirit, as Saul did, God sends upon him evil spirits who wait to do their damning work of accomplishing his utter destruction. No, Saul was never a saved man, for he rejected the word of the Lord. Read John 14:21, 23 and 24. Saul's every act in life seems to me to have been characterized by pride, selfishness or fear.

Brother asks a question which may get me into hot water, but nevertheless I will venture an answer.

He asks: "What should a church do with members who claim not to have been converted when they joined the church and request to be dismissed?"

I all know that Baptist custom is to "withdraw fellowship from them" if they are guilty of some known offense from which they will not desist, but if they are not guilty of some known offense, what should be done?

Answer, if they cannot be influenced to see that they were saved and have only wandered from the path of right, kindly "dismiss them at their own request." Numbers come into the churches under influences that may deceive, and do deceive some, therefore if one finds that he is or was deceived, and wants out, don't bring charge against him and exclude him but tenderly "dismiss him at his own request." I know that this contradicts the old Baptist idea that there are but two ways to get out of a Baptist church—be excluded or die—but I believe the old custom wrong in itself and needs to be amended so as to let people who find themselves out of touch with God and the church out without having to be excluded. If one is received at his own request he certainly has a right to be dismissed the same way.

Mississippi for Mississippians.

Dear Record—I have been thinking for some time of writing a few lines on this subject but not as a kicker or in opposition to Bro. Tull, for I love Tull, but thought it best to offer a few words on the other side of this subject.

I believe more of our Mississippi preachers should remain in Mississippi but there are several things to be considered.

1. Is it the Lord's will that they should do so?

2. Would they be willing to go into the country and take charge of country churches, which would become necessary if all should stay.

3. Would not this method make us selfish and cause us to become like the man who on retiring at night would pray: "Lord bless me and my wife, my son John

and his wife, us four and no more."

4. Would it not be interfering with the Lord's plans, who commanded to preach, in Jerusalem, then in Samaria, then in Judah, then in the regions round about, or into all the world. I believe if we stay in touch with the Lord we are just as much impressed to change States as we are to change continents.

The opening of a field in Texas or any other State to a Mississippi preacher and the call or impression to go there is like unto that to go to China or any other foreign field, and who will undertake to say they must not go. That Mississippi has, is and will produce good preachers is true, and we may say the same for other States. Now brethren if we feel this, i. e., that Mississippi for Mississippians, I do not think it quite the best thing to say so and especially, through our paper. It might make our brethren from other States feel like they are not quite welcome, or that they are intruders.

I know we have lost some good men but so far as I am able to judge we have gained about as much as we have lost.

I do not know them all but will sight a few choice spirits: Bacon, Borum, Ball, Dickins, Jordan, Stuberfield, Tandy, Williams, Kineannon, and many others. I am glad to know our State is so well represented in other States, and that our men are in such demand. I am also glad to welcome such men as I have mentioned to our State.

I think it a good thing to have such an interchange of talent and this we could not have if we were to carry out the doctrine of Mississippi for Mississippians. I do not believe for a moment that Bro. Tull meant to cast any reflection, but I think it best to consider all parties concerned and to look well at both sides of the question.

May the Lord bless all and call our men to good fields in all parts of the world and send us good men from all States.

Your brother,

J. A. Lee.

Good News From Greenwood.

What was supposed to be the total offering for Foreign Missions by the First Baptist church of Greenwood was rounded out the last of March, which amounted to \$230.50. On last Sunday, however, the pastor in the course of his remarks stated that from indications it looked like the Foreign Mission Board would come out in debt again this year, and that he wished that our contribution might have been better. At the close of the service, Bro. W. M. Whittington arose and stated that he for one was willing to increase his offering to Foreign Missions. Others followed, and a collection broke out which was indeed beautiful to behold. Money kept coming into the treasury all day Monday until our grand totals at last stood at \$421.65. We were too late to get it to headquarters by mail and had to telephone Bro. Rowe the amount.

This makes an advance for Foreign Missions for Greenwood of about seventy-five per cent. Next year we will give the full salary of a missionary. Watch us.

"On to Richmond,"
Selsus E. Tull.

Dear Brother Bailey—I have just rounded up my collections for State Missions. I preach to four big, little churches in the Delta. These churches have an average of about twenty members. The church at

Drew has not been contributing to missions, yet they gave \$50. The church at Lyon, the oldest but not the largest church in the Delta, gave \$65. Lula, with twenty members, gave \$110, nearly an average of six dollars a member. Oak Ridge church, with a membership of eighteen, gave \$120. An average of over six dollars per member.

Brother Bailey is there a church in the State that has done better? If Lula and Oak Ridge had 600 or 700 members they would leave little for the rest of the churches to do.

These four churches have ordered their pastor to go to the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, freight and drayage prepaid.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Barnett.

Clarksdale, Miss., Apr. 30, 1907.

Meridian Pastors' Conference, Apr. 30, 1907.

By W. A. Roper.

First church—Bro. J. F. Love preached in the morning. Took collection for Home Missions amounting to \$700.00. Pastor Shippman preached at night on Dan. 6:23. One received by letter.

Bay Springs—Pastor Newton preached. Subject: "The Crucifixion." I. Cor. 15:3.

15th Ave.—Pastor Hailey preached at both hours. Morning, "Saved by Grace," Evening, "Cornelius." Collection Foreign Missions \$182.50.

7th Ave.—W. A. Roper preached in the afternoon. Pastor Newton begins a series of meetings.

Salem—Pastor Cook preached on "Resurrection," Jno. 5:28-29, and "Missions." Collection Foreign Missions \$16.30.

41st Ave.—Pastor Swain preached on "Test of Abraham's Faith," Gen. 22:1-4. At night Bro. J. F. Love preached. Collection for Home Missions \$21.50. Three received by letter.

Pachuta—Pastor Hackett preached on "Christian Life," Rev. 1:9. At night on Ps. 40:1-3.

Bro. Moore read a paper on "The Historical Development of the Idea of the Church in the New Testament."

"Open Letter" to W. P. Price From N. W. P. Bacon.

Dear Bro.—I haven't the dimmest idea where you were born—whether in Mississippi or Manchuria, in Kansethatga or the "islands of the sea," but you are breezy enough and brainy enough to have been born anywhere—even in Georgia. If you were not born in Mississippi I here and now forgive you—provided of course you will promise not to do so any more. Since reading that "open" correspondence between yourself and Dr. Mullins I am almost at a point where I can forgive you for not living in Grenada; especially since you are doing the next best thing—living in Jackson—a suburb of Grenada. Your "open letter" to Dr. Mullins was the "real stuff," his reply ditto and your reply to that was superlatively good. I knew that the career of Dr. Mullins had been somewhat phenomenal, the reason is now quite clear—he was born in Mississippi. I came near being born in Mississippi myself. I had a bachelor uncle who lived and died here. This will explain something about me which has doubtless puzzled you a great deal.

May men of your mold be multiplied greatly in all the earth.

Cordially and fraternally,

N. W. P. Bacon.

Flora.

The writer preached here on the second Lord's day in April and they took collection for foreign missions to the amount of \$70.00. Preached again the fourth Sunday and a collection for home missions was taken, amounting to \$50.00. This is a wide awake church and has some noble workers. They hope to have a new church building costing in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars in the near future. They have a nice pastor's home located in the prettiest part of the town. They are; at present pastorless but will call one soon.

J. G. Murphy.

Clinton, Miss., Apr. 29, 1907.

Hattiesburg.

Our Ministers' Conference was in some respects the best we have had. The subjects bore upon the work of the ministry, and the discussions were practical and helpful. I think I got more good out of the meeting than any of those we have had among ourselves.

One brother read a paper on the use of the envelope system in our churches which was requested for publication. It was the finest discussion of this subject I have heard.

We had 16 preachers present the first day. But for continuous rains, before and during the meeting, and a railway wreck, we would have had 25. The weather was so bad that some of the preachers in town did not get to the meeting. But those of us who were present can testify to the good it brought us. It is worth while to discuss our work and to meet one another. We would love each other more.

Our next meeting will be on Monday after the 3rd Sunday in October.

A committee was appointed to arrange for our annual Bible Institute to commence on Monday after the 3rd Sunday in January 1908.

Yours in Christian service,

I. P. Trotter.

Hattiesburg, Apr. 26, 1907.

Great Revival in West End Laurel.

The Second church of this city has enjoyed, and is now enjoying in the effects of the greatest revival that has ever come to this section of the State. Our meeting of days began first Sunday in April, and continued for seven days, two services each day. Rev. Luther Holcomb of Louisville, Ky., doing the preaching.

Much time upon part of the church and pastor had been spent in preparation, especially in prayer for the church and that the visiting preacher might come to us full of the Spirit of God.

He had only been in pulpit few minutes when we saw our prayers had been answered. A mighty power took hold of the great congregation and grew from service to service until it had spread over the entire West End in irresistible force.

The preaching was plain, just God's word about sin and salvation. The one subject of very discourse, "Jesus." Night after night hundreds were shown how God can and will answer prayer, for in almost every service prayer was answered while request was being made.

On second Monday night, special service was held, in which we all confessed our sin of omission in that, we had been so negligent in asking God to call one of rank to preach the Gospel of his Son. Then earnest

prayer was made, for one or more of God's own choice to be called. On the following night one of our most talented young men (who is now filling an important place in the office of the Laurel Cotton Mills) arose and announced his full surrender to the call. Oh it was a gracious hour, when hundreds of us wept for joy and thanked God from our hearts—for our lips failed to speak.

Seventy-six united with the church, 47 for baptism. A large majority of them were men and women of mature years.

The preacher feeling he must go, we put in his purse \$134.58, prayer for him, shook his hand and said good bye—hoping he may come to us again even this year.

Brethren, the Lord has done good and great things for us this year. Given us 168 additions—more than 100 for baptism; made our congregations too large for house. It's now 1-3 larger than Jan. 1, and yet we need room. Oh many ways we have felt His presence and guiding hand.

The spirit of revival abides with us, and we are resolved to do something for Him who has blessed us so graciously.

Pray for us—the work has only been touched.

Yours in His name,

H. R. Holcomb.

From Missouri.

Will you please correct the blunder your type made in my address in your issue of recent date?

In my congratulations to the Mississippi brotherhood on the coming of Dr. Shipman you give my address as Kennett, Miss., whereas it should have been Kennett, Mo. It has been seven years since I lived in Mississippi, though she is my native State, and I love her people, and I return almost every year to assist different pastors in meetings, and to see my parents. Yet my pastorates have been outside of the "sacred soil."

During the seven years of my absence Mississippi has made such notable progress that I have decided that my presence in that State is not a necessity! In the meantime God is blessing my ministry in the great State of Missouri. There are 1820 white Baptist churches in Missouri with 160,000 members, and there are 40,000 colored Baptists in Missouri.

William Jekell College is prospering greatly. They have 180 ministerial students and about 300 other students. The endowment is more than half a million, and a united and vigorous effort is afoot to increase it to one million before Jan. '08. My church contributed \$270 to this fund last week.

Missouri Baptists are also building a larger plant for our orphans in St. Louis, which will require about \$25,000.

Missouri is made up of both northern and southern people. About two-thirds of our mission funds go through our Southern Boards, and one-third goes through the Northern Boards. In order to prevent mistakes, and to maintain fairness in the distribution and collection of funds for Home and Foreign Missions our General Association elects a corresponding secretary who devotes all of his time to this work. Dr. M. J. Breaker of St. Louis is the present corresponding secretary, while Dr. T. L. West is the corresponding secretary of State missions. They are both able and lovable men.

Kennett is a town of 3,000 people, and is the county seat of Dunklin county. We

have a new, beautiful brick church house, and we have it full every Sunday, of interested people. We have baptisms almost every Sunday. The church supports me for full time without any help from the Mission Boards.

In moving here the church paid all of our removal expenses, and then gave us a "pounding" of about \$35.00 worth of good things. Of the notable progress made in Mississippi nothing exceeds that of the Baptist Record. I read 22 different papers and magazines and journals, and The Record is one of the best. I have accepted invitations to hold two meetings in Mississippi in August, and I shall look in upon The Record and Mississippi College then.

Cordially,

M. R. Cooper.

Kennett, Mo.

The Work in Picayune, Miss.

Picayune is another one of our growing towns in South Mississippi. It is located on the New Orleans and North Eastern R. R., sixty-five miles south of Hattiesburg. The location is a beautiful one and the town promises to be one of the best in all this section.

We have two churches, one a Primitive Baptist church, and the other a Missionary Baptist church of which I am now pastor for all my time. The Baptist church has the right of way as no other denomination is doing work yet. All those who are acquainted with the work say that it is a great opportunity. This country has been sadly neglected in many respects. The preachers, for the most part, have always opposed everything that means progress in the Lord's work. These men have preached against an educated and trained ministry both by precept and example. They thank God that they have never been so unfortunate as to have a little of it and consider it an insurmountable drawback to ministerial success. They have opposed all missionary effort and Sunday schools. But one thing must be said to their credit, they have pre-empted the field for the Baptists. No other people flourish here like the Baptists. The people are here in great numbers and they are largely a Baptist people. The work that needs to be done now is to get hold of these people and enlist them for the Lord's work. Many of these churches are already awakening to their possibilities, especially the churches that have come under the influence of Brother L. G. Varnado.

The church here, under the influence of Brother J. P. Culpepper in two great meetings, the work of Brother Williams the former pastor, and of Brother G. H. Suttle as supply, has taken a great step forward. We have a beautiful church house in which to worship and a growing and promising church. The brethren could not be persuaded to be satisfied with anything less than preaching every Sunday. All the services are well attended. There is a growing interest on the part of the unsaved and the brethren have asked me to hold a meeting soon. Will not the good people over our State who read this and are praying for great meetings in our churches this year remember us. The need is great and the call is loud. Brethren pray for us.

Fraternally,

W. S. Allen.

News in the Circle.
Martin Ball.

Pastor W. C. Hamil of Zephyr, Texas, has resigned and will go to the coast in search of health. He is a splendid preacher, and leaves a church active in the Master's work.

The church at Goedthwaite, Texas, has called Rev. A. R. Watson of Brownwood, Texas, as pastor. He accepts.

A splendid meeting has just closed at Lathrop, Texas. The pastor was assisted by Rev. L. J. Mims, of Waco. Over 50 were added to the church by experience and baptism.

Rev. M. A. Quidley, Edgewood, Texas, has accepted the enthusiastic call of the Canton church—same State.

The Baptist Standard, this week, contains an address, by Dr. B. H. Carroll. Subject: "The Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic." Everybody ought to read it. It is overwhelming.

A movement has been inaugurated by the Protestant Ministers' Conference of New Orleans, the Baptist ministers uniting, to organize civic leagues among the laymen of the city. The object is to elevate the standard of civic morality in that great metropolis.

It is said that the law against soliciting quor orders in prohibition territory in Texas has stopped 5,000 jugs per month from going out of New Orleans to Texas towns and cities.

Pastor W. M. Lee, of New Orleans, says that race track gambling largely takes the place of the lottery system in that city, and continues to demoralize the youth with the gambling mania.

At Oakwood church, Knoxville, Tenn., an entire train crew was converted and united with the church, fireman, brakeman, engineer and conductor. That certainly is a "Gospel train."

The church at Lampkin, Ga., recently set apart to the full work of the Gospel ministry Bro. Graham Forester.

Bethel church, Wilkinson county, Ga., has set apart Bro. E. J. Jameson to the full work of the ministry. The Lord is sending more laborers into the field.

Pastor Thomas Spurgeon has withdrawn his resignation as pastor of the Tabernacle, London, and will accept the vacation offered him, spending one year in search of health.

Prof. H. B. Pollard, of Kentucky, will preach the commencement sermon for Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., June 15.

Rev. W. M. Jones will deliver the literary address before the graduates of the Female College, Greenville, S. C., at the approaching commencement.

Rev. C. C. Carroll will deliver the commencement address before Stetson University, De Land, Fla., in June. The enrollment of the university is the largest in its history.

Prof. Robert Edwin Hatton, president of Roanoke Female College, Danville, Va., has been elected to the presidency of Liberty College, Glasgow, Ky. His success at Roanoke College has been remarkable, and the trustees reluctantly part with him.

The revival at the 22nd and Walnut St. church, Rev. M. P. Hunt pastor, closed last Sunday with 202 additions. 160 by baptism. Evangelist M. F. Ham did the preaching.

Evangelist T. T. Martin has just closed a meeting with the Tabernacle church, Raleigh, N. C., in which 40 were added to the church.

The Women's Home Mission Society of the North gave over \$100,000 for missions. Of course they closed the year out of debt.

Dr. E. M. Potat, will, in connection with his duties, as president of a great university take the lecture platform. He is splendidly equipped for such work.

At the first service held by Evangelist G. C. Cates in Petersburg, Va., a young man was seized with deep convictions, and came towards the pulpit crying "O God, save or I perish." He was soon converted, and two others followed his example.

Rev. J. M. Taylor has resigned at Switzer, Ky., to take charge of the church at Stanford, same State. He goes at once to the work.

Rev. J. W. Martin leaves the work at Pulaski, Tenn., and accepts the call to the church at Sweetwater, Tenn. Bro. Martin has been eminently successful at Pulaski—but goes to a wider field of usefulness.

A revival has just closed at East Baptist church, Paducah, Ky., 105 additions. The Lord is crowning the efforts of his servants with great success.

The church at Petersburg, Va., has called Rev. A. R. Love of Henderson, N. C., and he accepts the work.

Rev. W. M. Vines, Free Mason St. church, Norfolk, Va., will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the Woman's College at the Commencement.

Only two of our brothers remain with us, who were present at the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. J. H. Kilpatrick and A. J. Battle. Let them have all honor.

At the dedication of the White Temple church, Oklahoma City, Dr. H. A. Porter pastor, a collection was taken to meet the indebtedness. \$7,670 in cash, \$15,700 subscriptions to be paid within a year.

Rev. J. W. Megan leaves the Washington church, Missouri, and enters the pastorate at Moulton, Iowa. Rev. G. W. Windle has been called to succeed him.

Rev. H. T. Ingram has been chosen pastor of Refuge church, Pickens county, Ga., and takes charge at once.

Dr. Jas. F. Eden has resigned the charge of the church at Suwanee, Ga. His health is such that his physicians insist on complete rest.

Rev. W. J. Langston has resigned his work as missionary in the Mallary Association, Ga., and accepted the pastorate of the Conway church, S. C. Bro. Langston goes back home.

The Mt. Vernon church, Ga., recently ordained Bro. J. P. Patillo to the full work of the Gospel ministry. God is answering the prayers of His people for more laborers.

Rev. Carroll D. Wood, of the Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has been called to the care of the church at Fordyce, Ark. It is understood that he will accept.

Rev. F. H. Watkins of Union Springs, Ala., has been called to succeed Rev. W. W. Lee at the Southside church, San Antonio, Texas. He accepts.

A Sweeping Revival at Shaw.

The revival meeting at Shaw closed Sunday April 28. For ten or twelve days God moved the town from center to circumference. The entire town came to the services. Morning and night the house was filled. Some glorious manifestations of the regenerating power of the gospel were witnessed. Many difficulties were settled. And today God is leading many side by side that do not speak a few days ago.

Every man, woman and child in town were reached, and joined the church, but eleven. And some of those were once members of some church. There were sixty who united with all the churches during the meeting. Twenty-five were baptized in the Baptist church and a number received by letter.

The last night of the meeting we held a short service at the church as we were to leave at 8:30 we told the people that we would not have time to tell them good bye but would be glad to see any of them at the station. When we reached the depot the crowd was gathering. They had left the church before we could dismiss them. They began to sing "God be with you till we meet again." The audience came with the exception of a few, and such a crowd singing as the train came rolling in was quite a surprise to the passengers. They thrust their heads out the windows to listen. When the train pulled out they began to sing, "When the battle is over we shall wear a crown." To me that was as near heaven as our souls are permitted to rise while in the flesh. Bro. Reynolds found some fine singers. Bro. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church, is doing a fine work for God. He is a bright, consecrated young man. God has given him a great wife and a sweet child. We are all thanking God for brave young men to pastor our churches.

God is moving in a most wonderful way among the faithful. Let us pray for a universal revival in the State this year.

Our hearts will long to return to Shaw and meet our friends there. Some of the greatest of earth are serving God in Shaw. God bless them all.

Pray for us at Sumrall.

Otto Bamber.

O God our Father, who dost exhort us to pray, and who dost grant what we ask, if only when we ask we live a better life, hear me, who am trembling in this darkness, and stretch forth thy hand unto me; hold forth thy light before me; recall me from my wanderings; and, thou being my guide, may I be restored to myself and to thee, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Whiskey Doomed.

W. H. Patton.

I think that the saloon is doomed in the United States, when we see such victories being won in Tennessee as Bristol, Clarksdale, Knoxville and Jackson, that the good people of Madison, Warren and other wet counties should be encouraged to bring on an election and vote the amount even in Vicksburg, the Sodom of Mississippi.

Counties like Lauderdale voted wet but no place corrupt enough to have a saloon should have another election so as to make the law effective in those counties. Men do establish offices in Meridian and make a business of ordering whiskey shipped in there. Drammers for whiskey houses go into those counties and solicit orders and it is no violation of the law. They go into prohibition territory and work the towns and saw mills but if you will read sections of the code you will see they can be indicted. The grace of God reached the heart of one saloonist.

A dispatch from Litchfield, Ill., says:

Nearly \$1,000 worth of whiskey, wine and high-grade intoxicating beverages of all kinds were poured out on the streets here yesterday in the presence of thousands of spectators as the result of the conversion of J. E. Teany, a saloonkeeper. The barrels and bottles were smashed from a large dray and the ex-saloonkeeper conducted the smashing.

All the Protestant ministers of the city took a stand on the dray, and after all the liquor had been destroyed the vast crowd joined in singing "America."

Teany's conversion was brought about by the revival meeting now

being conducted by Evangelist Violet of Shelbyville, Tenn., at the Christian church.

The Second B. Y. P. U. Encampment and Evangelistic Conference—A Suggestion.

I have just read President Kimbrough's announcement of the holding of the second B. Y. P. U. Encampment at Blue Mountain the last days of June and the first days of July. The announcement brings up some of the most blessed memories of my life—memories of the Encampment of last year. I never attended a more enjoyable and profitable meeting anywhere at any time. And I am sure the next meeting will be just as good—if it could hardly be better.

One of the regrettable things about the meeting last year was the notable absence of the pastors of the State. Without the pastors the benefits of the Encampment to the churches cannot be as large nor as lasting as they ought to be. The coming encampment is arranged to include a fifth Sunday and to come in before the summer protracted meeting season begins, thus giving the pastors an opportunity to attend.

Now I am going to make a suggestion. Many pastors do not feel able to bear the expenses of the encampment, fight as they are. Urge your pastor to go and give him the money to go on. He will carry back to you many times the value of the money paid. For the interest of your church I am persuaded you could not make a better investment. The evangelistic features of the meeting will prepare your pastor for the summer's work in protracted meetings.

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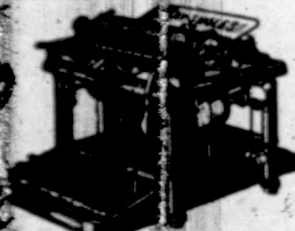
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Whereas, our State has lost one of its best citizens; our denomination, one of its most loyal members; our Orphanage, one of its staunchest friends and most liberal supporters; and our Board, one of its safest and wisest counselors; and

Whereas, his loyalty to conscience and devotion to principle, his constant yet unostentatious attendance upon our denominational gatherings, his wise and munificent stewardship of worldly goods, and his untiring devotion to every good cause, have ever been an inspiration to us; therefore,

Be It Resolved, First, That we herein express our great appreciation of his worth as an exemplar of Christianity in every sphere of life in which he had occasion to move.

Second, That while we acknowledge the wisdom of Him who doeth all things well, we most deeply deplore the unspeakable loss which our Orphanage and its board have sustained.

Third, That we extend our heart-felt sympathy to that inner circle of his family, whose loss is greater than all others, and that we commend them in their time of trial to the grace of God, which alone can sustain them in the hour of need.

Fourth, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and that a copy be furnished his family.

**Frank B. Fox,
Chas. L. Lewis,
W. F. Yarborough,**
Committee.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, in the passing away of Mr. E. A. Stokes, crowned with years and honor, the Old Ladies' Home Association has lost a valued and helpful sympathizer and friend, and,

Whereas, he is the first Life Member of the Association to depart,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, First That we deplore the loss of Mr. Stokes as a special friend, one who came to our aid when our cause was young and friends were few, and who encouraged us with a substantial gift and kind words.

Second, That we deeply sympathize with his family in their loss, reminding them that his memory shall not pass from among us while our records remain.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Canton Picket, the Baptist Record, to his family, and be spread upon the minutes of the Association.

Approved by the Association
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Nona.

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Chronicles.

L. A. D.

My first acquaintance with Louisville was in 1842. I was on my way to school in New York, from Grenada, my Mississippi home. Private conveyance to Memphis, and river transportation further north was the rule in those days, unless by the old four-horse coach. There was then no railroads in this region. We had to wait three or four days for a boat at Memphis; but, finally took passage on the "Gem of the West." There were many sandbars in the Mississippi, and more in the Ohio; for we found not a few. At Portland the boat stopped, and we went on shore, taking a hack to Louisville—that had to be the way then.

There was a splendid line of passenger steamers, named "Gen. Pike" Nos. 1, 2, 3, running to Cincinnati. In our company was a gentleman taking two orphan children home—a boy and a girl. Two or three hours after leaving port, he discovered that the boy was not on board. Hailing the packet coming down the river, he returned to Louisville and found the boy playing on the wharf—he did not see our boat leave, and was in blissful ignorance.

Another steambot, the "Swiftsure," bore us to Pittsburg; from whence by rail, inclined plains and coaches across the Alleghenies, we made our way to Cumberland and thence to Philadelphia and to New York City, to stay about two years. Harlem was at that time counted as ten miles above the city, and solid blocks did not extend above 12th street; at least on Sixth avenue. Omnibuses were running; no electric cars. These things I state purely from memory.

In 1844 we returned to our home; going by packet to Albany and thence by canal boat to Buffalo, where we took passage on a steamer for Cleveland; having an exceedingly rough trip. From thence, we came down across the State of Ohio, by stage coach, three days and three nights, on the National Macadamized road. But I must pass on to Louisville again, with the simple remark that we were privileged to see the notable "Kentucky giant."

Six years has wrought great changes; now we find a large, beautiful city with well paved streets, some of them wide, and electric cars going in every direction. Elegant residences adorn these streets, and sometimes skyscrapers; but many of the blocks are entirely too long. Sidewalks are generally nicely paved, and up town, thronged with boys and girls on roller skates—the fad everywhere, it seems.

I am often forgetful of dates, now, but that is not wonderful for a man of seventy-eight years. It was in the late 40's, while pub-

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lishing the "Southwestern Baptist Chronicle," in New Orleans, that my attention was specially called to Louisville. Bro. W. C. Bick was editing The Baptist Banner and Pioneer. There arose a controversy about the "Western Theological Seminary," located at Covington, I think. Northern extremists were dissatisfied and gave trouble. Of later matters I'll try to be more explicit in my next.

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"When time is up for laughter, And life becomes a sigh, Don't you think it's time then To tell the world good bye? Yet, the last, road seems mighty long, And Heaven mighty high!"

"Live, a little, people, In the morning light; Leave all the dreaming To the stars of night."

All habits gather by unseen degrees, As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas. —John Dryden.

In Feebleness, Mighty.

"Yes, I dread to go in," Mary Burdick confessed to the friend she had met in the hospital halls. "I come away from here every time with less belief in immortality. There she lies, a brave, noble woman, chained down to that bed by paralysis—but oh, that isn't the worst! It's her complete despair! It's the way she lies there with the tears rolling down her face, and keeps saying 'Dead, but not buried! Dead, but not buried! over and over. What has become of her courage, her usefulness? Were they only a part of a strong body? Can't the spirit endure when the body is paralyzed?"

"But, Mary, can you wonder?" the other protested. "She realizes the hopelessness of her condition so keenly. She knows it may be years and she longs to go. And her life as a doctor has been so active always."

"Active, yes! Oh, it was more than a doctor's life! She was a strong angel whenever any one needed help. But now—" Mary's voice choked as she turned away.

A white-capped nurse put a finger on her lips as Mary gained the doorway of Dr. Elizabeth Brainerd's room. The patient was lying asleep, her gray hair falling softly against the pillow and a look of peace on her face. Then the nurse tiptoed into the hall.

"You'll find her better, Miss Burdick," she said. "That is, happier. She doesn't cry that way any more. I think she's all taken up trying to help little Alida."

"Who is Alida?" "Why, she's a little nurse that's dying of an incurable disease. Only twenty, you know, and not a home or a friend outside of this hospital, so we try to make it up to her all we can, and one day, when the doctor was lying there, crying herself, I tried to get her mind off her own trouble by telling how hard it was for little Alida."

"Alida has a horror of dying, you know—poor little heart!—and yet she knows it can't be more than a month or two, and she goes about here like a little ghost, trying to smile and be brave and to help us a bit with our work, and all the time we know what's in her mind."

"Well, anyway, it seemed to make a great impression, and that night, as Alida was passing the door, the doctor called her in and they had a long talk, and since then Alida keeps slipping in there whenever she can, and all I know is, there's a different look on Alida's face—a happy look—and the doctor seems contented, too. I think, with the doctor, it's because she has found out she can help somebody yet."

"Mary, is that you?" called a voice; and Mary, stepping into the bedroom, saw a face that seemed transfused smiling bravely from the pillow.

An hour later, as Mary rose to go after a cherry little visit, the doctor reached out her one live hand. In her days of strength she had not been a demonstrative woman, but now her face was shining with tenderness.

"Mary," she said, softly, "would you mind if I give away these flowers you brought? There's a little nurse here—she's going on a long journey—soon."

Mary knelt down close to the helpless body.

"Give them to her—yes, yes!" she whispered, brokenly. "But oh, you've given me more than flowers! Even when you were well you never helped like this! You've given me faith that the spirit can rise above death!"

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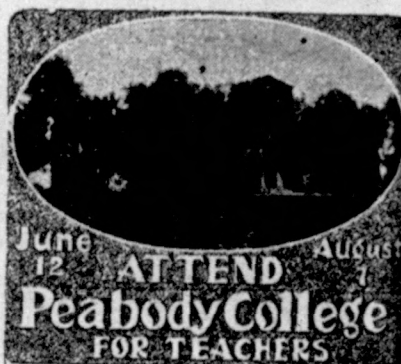
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"How did he look?" asked her father. "Did he have any beard?" "No; he was barefaced." "How about the older man? Was he barefaced, too?" "Kind o'," said Kitty, remembering his shaggy brown beard; "only he was grizzly bear faced."—Ex.

The Best of References.

The new servant had presented her references, and the mistress had read them over; declares a writer in Answers, with a doubtful eye.

"I am not quite satisfied with your references, Jane," she said. "Nayther am I, mum," responded the stalwart maid, "but they're the best I could get."

Doughnuts.

1-2 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 1-2 pints flour, 11-2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder, 1 egg, 11-2 cups milk, 1 teaspoon extract nutmeg. Rub the butter, sugar, and egg together smooth. Sift the flour and powder together, add it to the butter, the milk, etc. Mix into a soft dough; well flour the board, roll out the dough to 1-2 inch in thickness, cut out with large biscuit-cutter, and fry to a light brown in plenty of lard made hot for the purpose. Serve with sifted sugar over them.

An Appeal to the Baptists of Mississippi.

Dear Brethren—At the centennial session of the Mississippi Association, Oct. 1906, the following resolutions were adopted, and the undersigned committee appointed to carry into effect said resolutions:

"Whereas, the grave of Richard Curtis, the first Baptist preacher in Mississippi, is unmarked, and whereas, in course of time this grave (if left unmarked) will be forgotten, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to arrange for the erection of a suitable stone or monument at said grave.

Resolved further, that this committee shall be authorized to solicit funds for this purpose, to arrange for appropriate exercises in connection therewith, and make a report to the next Association."

In compliance with these resolutions and prompted by the following considerations, we would lay this matter upon the hearts of the great Baptist brotherhood of our State.

The first consideration is, "the

in Mississippi is unmarked, and if grave of the first Baptist preacher left so, will, in the course of time, be forgotten." This should not be so. The work done by Richard Curtis is, in itself, monumental, and the sublimest conception of him as a servant of God, is that his name is in the Book of Life. Yet to neglect and forget the spot where sleep his ashes, would be to depreciate his worth and to dishonor his memory. As Baptists we repudiate the idea of hero worship, yet we owe it to posterity to commemorate the achievements of this mighty man of God; so that in the years to come when our children shall ask, "What means this stone?" the answer may be, "Here God laid to rest a mighty man of valor, the one who, amid storms of persecution, first planted the pure principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the territory of our loved State."

The second consideration is, that the grave is isolated, being some distance from the church cemetery and on private property. In the course of time this property may fall into the hands of those whose affinities, in race, sentiment or creed, are very different from ours. The unfeeling ploughshare will pay no homage to departed worth, consequently the spot now sacred to the memory of Richard Curtis will be forever forgotten.

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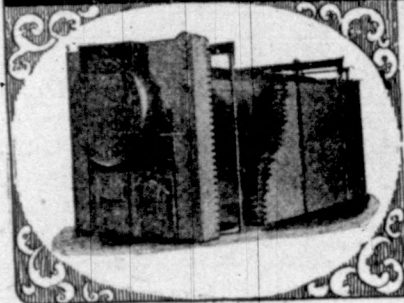
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